



BORIS THE SPIDER

A Journal of Duplicitous Doings,
Raw Power, and Naked Greed

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive!"

--Sir Walter Scott--



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BORIS IV & STELLAR CONQUEST BEGIN!! DUNE OVER!!

Well, Franz is presumably still beneath the waves, but the game must go on! Players will find their country assignment on page 4. Happily, nearly everyone got his first choice. The players are:
Austria: Jeff Vandine
England: Jack McHugh
France: TJ Klausens
Germany: Eric Ford
Italy: Scott Cameron
Russia: Rick Egvedt
Turkey: Martin Cohn
See the inside back cover for addresses. **SPECIAL:** Orders for Spring '01 are due 6 Mar 93.

Those of you who have expressed interest will find enclosed a copy of the "GM interpretation" of the STELLAR CONQUEST pbm system. Several of you have offered additional suggestions, tournament rules, etc, for the system. To keep it simple for the first run through, I've decided to offer only two optional rules for approval. We can still accomodate more players (in a second game if need be), so sign up soonest.

It's getting close to subscription renewal time and Boris is thinking of upping the postal sub rate to \$9/12 issues (\$.75 an issue, up from the present \$.50). This issue costs \$.69 a copy for duplication and postage alone, so you can see why the temptation is so strong. Right now we're leaning towards letting on-time renewals continue at the old rate (once) and socking the late folks with the higher rate.

ALTERNATE ALERT: Would Eric Ford provide provisional orders for Russia in BORIS IV? Thanks. I'm looking for yet another KREMLIN alternate to assume the PCS position if need be. If interested apply herein.

BORIS'S BBS

THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON: Diplomacy! Oh, I adore Diplomacy. Everyone dresses so well.
--Luozanna Trol of Beta-red

Mark Luedi is looking for a few more 1835 players for his *Wild Gypsy Rose*. If interested contact him at 503 W Jefferson #2, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-4917. Neither sub nor game fee required.

Tom Johnston is opening a DIP game in his *Blunderdom*, a subzine to WGR. Only a \$2 anti-NMR deposit required. Contact him with your country preference list at 7509 W 159th St 303-C, Tinley Park, IL 60477. Tell him Boris sent you.

Bill Wordelmann (541 Canyon Trail, Carol Stream, IL 60188-1364) is publishing *Standard Gauge*, a zine dedicated (so far) to the postal play of BRITISH RAILS and soon NIPPON RAILS. Bill is associated with Mayfair Games so has a lot of the "straight skinny" as to what they're doing for the world of postal railroad gaming.

Mike Puffenberger (Box 22, Fostoria, OH 44830) is starting a game of *City by the Sea*, where the player starts with but a king and a caravan and tries to dominate a 25x25 continent both economically and militarily. To do so will take much growth, aggression, planning, and some luck. Fee is \$1 per 3 move (game-month) turn.

BOOS & KUDOS

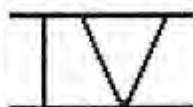
This month's Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award goes jointly to TJ Klausens for his first article datelined Rome in BORIS IV and to Chuck Hanna for his article datelined Paris in BORIS V.

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb goes to Paul Saunders for yet another triple NMR. "Something's wrong when he can find time to tld but not to submit orders for BORIS," sniffed She-of-Great-Night-and-Power.

DEADLINE FOR ALL GAMES IS NOON (CST) 6 FEB 93

RUSS AGAIN IN RUSS!! TURKS ROUGHED UP!

Spring 1905



CLIFFHANGER--With the virtual collapse of Russia, only France in the West and perhaps Austria in the East can offer more than token resistance to English expansionism. The French weakness is their lack of fleets to support the buttressing F ENG. The English weakness is the lack of armies to penetrate past the littoral provinces. Austria, protected from RN raids by the French and Italian navies, is well positioned to gobble up the Russian centers with impunity while Italy is in position to cut the Turk's jugular with A TUN-SMY. Some counter balance to England must be found, lest all is lost.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Russia NMR, GM retreated A BUL oth; Turkish F ION retreated ALB.

England built F LON and F LPL, Turkey built A ANK.

AUS (Frying): A Bud S A Rum, A Rum S A Ser-Bul, A Ser-Bul, A Tri-Boh, F Gre S A Ser-Bul,
ENG (Shacklett): A Mos-Sev, F Bir-Mid, F Den-Bal, F Hel-Hol, F Lon-Wal, F Lpl-Nat, F Nth S F
Hel-Hol, F Sve-Bot;
FRA (Rezzarday): [A Bel-Hol], A Gas-Bre, [A Mun-Ber], A Bur-Ruh, A Pic S A Gas-Bre, [A Hol-
Kie](d), F Mid-Eng,
GER (J. Fisher): [A Ser-Mun], [A Kie-Hol];
ITA (Klausnitz): A Tun H, A Pic H, [F Tri-Alb], F Ion-Eas, F Tyn-Ion;
RUS (Saunders): NMR A War H(u), F Bla H(u), F SIP H(u);
TUR (Tusk): A Ank-Con, [F Alb S F Bul(sc)-Gre], [F Bul(sc)-Gre](d), F Con-Aeg.

Orders in brackets fail; d = destroyed due to lack of legal retreat, oth = off the board, oom = unit on th move, r-??? unit must retreat, u = unordered.

Due next time are orders for Fall 1905.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN: Civilized countries of the world...Heed Germany's call!!! The French intrusion into German territory cannot be ignored! The Militant French Barbarians have overrun the peace-loving peoples of Munich and have refused all attempts to liberate their repressed captives. This atrocity must be dealt with! Italy...Take Arms! Austria...Rally to Germany's call!

ROME--Lord Devoni announced today that Italy will support France in this her time of need. The announcement came after an emergency meeting of the war council that was called into session immediately after England's illegal annexation of Brest. Also attending the meetings were delegates from France, Austria, Germany and Russia. During the war council session the Austrian representative was quoted as saying "Don't move into Marseilles."

ROME--Sources in the Vatican say that the Pope wants Lord Devoni to declare war on England. They believe the Pope will use the current invasion of France by England to pressure Italy and the other nations of the world to unite against England. It is believed that the Pope's real agenda is only to gain control of the renegade Church of England. This is not the first time the Pope has been accused of influencing Lord Devoni into wars for the Church. Many believe the war with Turkey was initiated by the Pope as a religious crusade. Neither the Pope or Lord Devoni could be reached for comment.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

London Times--Lord One-Eyed has announced that the Royal family and their Germanic cousins have reached an agreement on the protection of the Low countries from the Frog invaders. Additionally, the Kaiser and His Majesty have agreed that hostilities cannot cease until the French upstarts have withdrawn their forces from Munich in time for Oktoberfest.

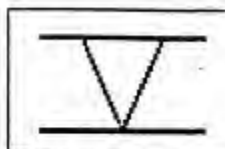
CLASSIFIEDS

KAISER to all: Apologies to those that have written and not received replies for me, I have been having difficulties with my school address...and yes Jack, I have sent you a reply...)

Coming to FWB on 26-28 Feb 93, Hurri-Con Alex. See details next issue.



AUSTRIA GRABS VEN! BIG TWO ROLL ON!



Spring 1905

MURKWOOD--The Turks appear doomed as Tsar Jack achieves the millennia old Russian drive to the Med and control over the Bosphorus and Dardanelles. Austria, perhaps anticipating a Russian invasion of VIE or BUD in the Fall, has snatched VEN as "compensation", thus cementing an Italo-Russian alliance. The French Navy looks to be willing to bring the fight to English shores, but can the army be it the time it needs?

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Russia retreated A GRE to SER. Austria disbanded A VIE; England built A EDI & A LON; France disbanded A PAR; Russia built A MOS and A WAR; Turkey disbanded F ALB.

AUS (R. Fisher): A Tri S A Tri-Yen, A Tri-Yen, A Pie S A Tri-Yen;
ENG (Morrison): [A Bie-Gas], A Edi-Bel, [A Lon-Pic], A Mun S A Ruh-Bur, A Ruh-Bur, F Kie H
F Eng C A Lon-Pic, F Hol S A Edi-Bel, F Nth C A Edi-Bel, [F Pic-Bre], [F Por-Spa(nc)];
FRA (Hanna): [A Bur-Gas](r-???) , [F Spa(sc) S F NAF-], F NAF-Mid, F Wes S F NAF-Mid,
ITA (McHogh): A Tus S A Yen, [A Yen H](r-???) , [F Ion S TUR F Gre](om);
RUS (Shacklet): [A Bul-Gre], A Mos-Ukr, A Rum-Bul, [A Ser S A Bul-Gre](nsu), A Sev-Rum, /
SII S ENG A Mun, A Smy H, A War-Gal, F Aeg-Eaz, F Ber H, [F Bla-Con], [F Con-Aeg],
TUR (Frueh): [F Gre-Aeg](r-???) .

Orders in brackets fail; d = unit destroyed due to lack of valid retreat; imp = impossible; nsu = unit not so ordered; nsu = no such unit; oth = off the board; om = unit on the move, r-??? = unit is dislodged and must retreat; n = unordered. French A BUR may retreat oth or to MAR or PAR. Italian A VEN may retreat oth to APU or to ROM. Turkish F GRE may retreat oth or to ALB.

Due next time are the Spring retreats and orders for Fall 1905, which may be conditional on the retreat:

EMBASSY BEAT

LONDON--The King has announced a holiday in celebration of the Defeat of Germany. A display of the captured flags of the German Army will be opened at the Imperial War Museum in London.

The King also issued a caution to the general population that the long awaited peace in Europe is not at hand. "We still have the French to deal with and they seem to have talked Italy into a shaky alliance to help them control the Med and block us from our colonies in Africa," he said in a statement to the press at the gala celebration held in Buckingham Palace.

"We have sent an emissary to the Pope and the Italian government to reopen negotiations to allow us free passage to Cairo. We hope it will be a successful mission and Italy will withdraw its support of the fleets," the King was further quoted.

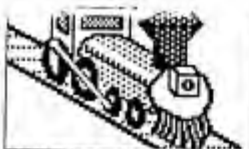
In a more negative note, the top Admiral of the fleet, Lord Kitchener, stated that the redeployment of the French fleets to the Atlantic could cause grave consequences and urged the construction of more fleets to combat the new threat. It is understood that the government is meeting after the holidays to consider the proposal on the fielding of additional troops to land on the coast of France to seize their industrial base and hasten their defeat before the arrival of their fleets.

The evening ended with the singing of several rounds of "God Save the King", toasts all around and a strong determination to end the French threat to England.

MOSCOW--Father Winter was kind enough to provide a white Christmas for the Czars family at their northern retreat. They wish everyone a happy new year and urge the French and Italians to sue for peace with their English and Austrian neighbors. As for the infidel Turks...

PARIS--After a quiet insurrection, France now has a new leader. A former anarchist from America has proclaimed himself the Emperor Charles Napoleon and has taken control of what remains of the French government. A representative of Reuters inquired whether the transition from anarchist to monarchist was a difficult one, but was executed before receiving an answer. The absence of further questions from the press has made it difficult to assemble any reliable information, but there seems to be general agreement on the following unofficial reports: The "emperor" claims his grandfather was conceived on St. Helena island shortly before his namesake's death in exile. And "Charles Napoleon" has apparently

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CROELTY IS IN

CP FLOATS!
DIESELS SOON!



PLAYER STATUS:

Morrison: \$352, 6 C&O(Prez), 1 B&O, 6 NYC(Prez) <Priority>
Klauswitz: \$460, 6 PA(Prez), 2 B&O(VP), 4 NYNH&H(Prez), 2 B&M(VP)
Frueh: \$578, 1 NYNH&H, 2 B&O(VP), 1 C&O, 6 B&M (Prez), 3 PA(VP)
Hanna: \$203, 5 B&O(Prez), 1 NYNH&H, 6 ERIE(Prez)

AVAILABLE ENGINES: (Company: Value/Par, Pool, Bank)

B&O: A180/na, 0, 0 NYNH&H: D120/na, 5, 0 C&O: D100/na, 3, 0
PA: B100/90, 0, 1 ERIE: A100a/100, 0, 4 B&M: A100b/100, 0, 2
NYC: F67/67, 0, 4

STOCK BOARD V:

Morrison sells 1 B&O, buys President's share of CP, setting par at \$100 (\$352+180-200 = \$332); B&O drops to \$160.
Klauswitz buys 1 B&O (\$460-160 = \$300), B&O sold out!
Frueh buys 1 PA (\$578-90 = \$488), PA sold out!
Hanna buys 1 B&M (\$203-100 = \$103)
Morrison buys 1 CP (\$332-100 = \$232)
Klauswitz buys 1 NYNH&H (\$300-120 = \$180)
Frueh buys 1 Erie (\$488-100 = \$388)
Hanna buys 1 B&M (\$103-100 = \$3), B&M sold out!
Morrison buys 1 CP (\$232-100 = \$132)
Klauswitz buys 1 NYC (\$180-67 = \$113)
Frueh buys 1 Erie (\$388-100 = \$288)
Hanna passes. Morrison buys 1 CP (\$132-100 = \$32)
Klauswitz buys 1 ERIE (\$113-100 = \$13)
Frueh buys 1 ERIE (\$288-100 = \$188), Erie sold out!
Hanna passes. Morrison sells 1 C&O, buys 1 CP (\$32+100-100 = \$32); CP floats; C&O drops to \$90.
Frueh buys and sells 1 CP. CP drops to \$90.
All pass.

The B&O and PA are sold out so rise to A180 and A112 respectively. Due next time are orders for ORs 1 through 73. Since it's most likely a 6-train will be bought in OR 7.1, the players are asked to anticipate this eventuality. We will probably stop play if a diesel is bought unless everyone has planned or this possibility too and there are no forced engine buys.

PLAYER STATUS:

Morrison: \$32, 5 C&O(Prez), 6 NYC(Prez), 6 CP(Prez) <Priority>
Klauswitz: \$13, 6 PA(Prez), 3 B&O(VP), 5 NYNH&H(Prez), 2 B&M(VP), 1 Erie
Frueh: \$188, 1 NYNH&H, 2 B&O, 1 C&O, 6 B&M (Prez), 4 PA(VP), 3 Erie (VP)
Hanna: \$3, 5 B&O(Prez), 1 NYNH&H, 6 ERIE(Prez), 2 B&M

CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
C&O	A180	0	0	n/a	\$110	45	1
NYNH&H	D120	4	0	n/a	\$180	4	0
A	A112	0	0	n/a	\$205	35	3
RIE	A100a	0	0	n/a	\$260	35	2
B&M	A100b	0	0	n/a	\$670	33	0
C&O	E90	4	0	n/a	\$353	34	2
P	B90	1	3	\$100	\$1000	--	4
YC	F67	0	3	\$67	\$370	4	3

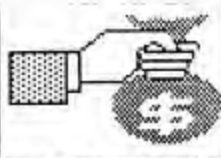
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de Bank has \$8,616.



RAIL IS GOOD

B&M, C&O, CP & NYC FLOAT!!



REMARK: It seems I lost track of an early order and forgot to credit NYNH&H with upgrading F22 in OR 4.2 (the play in the C&SL hex is a bonus derived from its ownership). This ups the NYNH&H dividend to \$28/share. The corrected stats follow:

PLAYER STATUS:

Zieske:	\$369, D&H, 4 NYNH&H(VP), 1 PA
Morrison:	\$363, SYN&R, M&H, 2 B&O, 1 NYNH&H, 1 PA
Bliss:	\$271, 5 NYNH&H(Prez), 3 CP(Prez)
Kuntz:	\$114, C&A, 6 PA(Prez) <PRIORITY>
Puffenberger (G&D):	\$228, 4 B&O(VP), 2 B&M(Prez)
Chinnery (TRC):	\$408, 4 B&O(Prez)

STOCK BOARD:

Kuntz sells C&A to PA for \$320, buys Prez share of C&O, setting par at \$82 ($\$114 + 320 - 164 = \270)
 G&D buys 1 B&M ($\$228 - 90 = \138)
 TRC buys 1 PA ($\$408 - 76 = \332)
 Zieske sells 3 NYNH&H, buys President's Share of NYC, setting par at \$100 ($\$369 + 480 - 200 = \649).
 NYNH&H drops to D110.
 Morrison sells 1 NYNH&H and 2 B&O, buys 1 NYC ($\$363 + 110 + 320 - 100 = \693), B&O drops to C125, NYNH&H drops to E100
 Bliss buys 1 CP ($\$271 - 71 = \200)
 Kuntz buys 1 C&O ($\$270 - 82 = \188)
 G&D buys 1 B&M ($\$138 - 90 = \48)
 TRC buys 1 B&O ($\$332 - 125 = \207)
 Zieske buys 1 NYC ($\$649 - 100 = \549)
 Morrison closes M&H, buys 1 NYC ($\$553 - 100 = \453), NYC floats!
 Bliss buys 1 CP ($\$200 - 71 = \129)
 Kuntz buys 1 C&O ($\$188 - 82 = \106)
 G&D passes. TRC buys 1 B&M ($\$207 - 100 = \107)
 Zieske buys 1 NYC ($\$549 - 100 = \449)
 Morrison buys 1 NYC ($\$453 - 100 = \353)
 Bliss buys 1 CP ($\$129 - 71 = \58), CP floats!
 Kuntz buys 1 C&O ($\$106 - 82 = \24)
 G&D passes. TRC buys 1 B&M ($\$107 - 100 = \7), B&M floats!
 Zieske buys 1 NYC ($\$449 - 100 = \349)
 Morrison buys 1 NYC ($\$353 - 100 = \253), NYC sold out!
 Bliss passes.
 Kuntz sells 1 PA, buys 1 C&O ($\$24 + 76 - 82 = \18), C&O floats! PA drops to E71b.
 G&D and TRC pass. Zieske buys 1 B&O ($\$349 - 125 = \224), B&O sold out!
 Morrison buys 1 CP ($\$253 - 71 = \182)
 Bliss, Kuntz, G&D, and TRC pass. Zieske buys 1 B&M ($\$224 - 90 = \134)
 Morrison buys 1 CP ($\$182 - 71 = \111)
 Bliss, Kuntz, G&D, and TRC pass. Zieske buys 1 B&M ($\$134 - 90 = \44)
 Morrison buys 1 CP ($\$111 - 71 = \40)
 All pass

B&O is sold out so rises to B142. Due next time are orders for ORs 5.1 and 5.2; players are asked to plan for the likely purchase of a 4-train during these ORs. Bliss has the Priority Card for 2R 6.

PLAYER STATUS:

Zieske:	\$44, D&H, 1 NYNH&H, 1 PA, 5 NYC(Prez), 1 B&O, 2 B&M
Morrison:	\$20, SYN&R, 1 PA, 5 NYC(VP), 3 CP(VP)
Bliss:	\$58, 5 NYNH&H(Prez), 6 CP(Prez) <PRIORITY>
Kuntz:	\$18, 5 PA(Prez), 6 C&O(Prez)
Puffenberger (G&D):	\$48, 4 B&O(VP), 4 B&M(Prez)
Chinnery (TRC):	\$7, 5 B&O(Prez), 1 PA, 2 B&M

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16 TONS PA, NYNH&H & B&O FLOAT!

PLAYER ACTION

Rick Egtvedt: \$215, D&H, M&H
Mark Frueh: \$209, C&A, 1 PA
Paul Zieske: \$180, B&Opc, 2 B&O(Prez)
Mike Puffenberger: \$400 <Priority>
James Bliss: \$380, SVN&RR
Don Chinnery: \$360, C&SL

RAILROAD ACTION

Puffenberger buys President's Share of NYNH&H, setting par at \$76 (\$400-152 = \$248)
Bliss buys President's Share of PA, setting par at \$76 (\$380-152 = \$228)
Chinnery & Egtvedt buy 1 B&O each (\$360-100 = \$260) & (\$215-100 = \$115) respectively
Frueh buys 1 PA (\$209-76 = \$133)
Zieske buys 1 B&O (\$180-100 = \$80)
Puffenberger buys 1 NYNH&H (\$248-76 = \$172)
Bliss buys 1 PA (\$228-76 = \$152)
Chinnery buys 1 NYNH&H (\$260-76 = \$184)
Egtvedt buys 1 B&O (\$115-100 = \$15), B&O floats!
Frueh buys 1 PA (\$133-76 = \$57), PA floats!
Zieske passes. Puffenberger buys 1 NYNH&H (\$172-76 = \$96)
Bliss buys 1 PA (\$152-76 = \$76)
Chinnery buys 1 NYNH&H (\$184-76 = \$108); NYNH&H floats!
Egtvedt, Frueh, and Zieske pass.
Puffenberger buys 1 NYNH&H (\$96-76 = \$20)
Bliss buys 1 PA (\$76-76 = \$0)
Chinnery buys 1 NYNH&H (\$108-76 = \$32)
All pass

Due next time are orders for OR 1 and SR2. Egtvedt has the Priority Card.

PLAYER ACTION

Rick Egtvedt: \$15, D&H, M&H, 2 B&O <Priority>
Mark Frueh: \$57, C&A, 3 PA
Paul Zieske: \$80, B&Opc, 3 B&O(Prez)
Mike Puffenberger: \$20, 5 NYNH&H(Prez)
James Bliss: \$0, SVN&RR, 5 PA(Prez)
Don Chinnery: \$32, C&SL, 3 NYNH&H, ~~2 B&O~~ 1 B&O

RAILROAD ACTION

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A100	0	4	\$100	\$1000	-	3
PA	D76	0	2	\$76	\$760	-	4
NYNH&H	D76	0	2	\$76	\$760	-	2

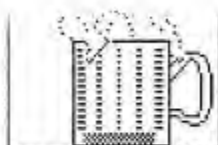
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The Bank has \$17,276.

NOTES

MP-Boris: I hope you didn't have anything valuable to lose like your house, car, or first-born backing your bet.

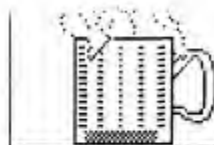
Boris-MP: Unless it's a sure thing, my top bet is usually a nickel.

Murphy's Law #MCMXCII-XXIIV: Never underestimate the ability of the inexperienced to do the unexpected and totally screw things up.



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PHASE CHANGE!



OPERATING ROUND 6.

Privates pay RTE (5M+10 = 15M) & Vdz (25M+30+15 = 70M)

#1: Lay Tile #8 in K5(w). Run H2-I1 (40M). (#1/CCH +20M)

#2: Run E19-C11 (70M). (#2/Ydz +35M).

#3: Lay Tile #4 in H10(ne). Run F14-F12 (40M); (#3/DBC +20M)

#4: Lay Tile #201 in I3(nw) (120M-50 = 70M). Run G5-H4 (30M) & G5-F6 (30M). (#4/CCH +30M)

#5: Run E19-C21 (50M). (#5/CCH +25M)

#6: Run C11-A11 (60M). (#6/CCH +30M)

BY: Lay Tile #6 in M9(se) & #8 in L10(nw). Run O15-L14 (60M), O15-N12-N10 (60M). Pay dividend (RTE +60M, Vdz +48M, BY +12M); price goes to B108. Buy 3-train (670M+12-180 = 502M)

SX: Lay Tile #204 on I17(sw*). Run H16-H20 (50M) & H16-I17 (30M). Pay dividends (DBC +48M, SX +24M, RTE +8M); price moves to E96

BA: Lay Tile #214 on L6(sw). Lays free token in L6(S). No run, so no dividend; price slips to D78. Buys two 3-trains from Bank and 2-train from #4 for 130M (504M-180-180-130 = 14M)

*Tile was ordered as (se) but that's illegal so GM rotated it to (sw).

Due next time are orders for SR 7. RTE has *der Zug*. OR 7 will have two subrounds.

PLAYER STATUS:

Chuck Hanna (CCH): 176M, #1, #4, #5, #6, 6 BA(Dir)

Rick Egwert (RTE): 137M, NF, OB, 5 BY(Dir), 1 SX +*Der Zug*

Don Chinnery (Der Bahn Corp = DBC): 149M, #3, 6 SX(Dir)

John Butitta (Volksdampfzug = Vdz): 196M, #2, Braun, Hann, PB, 4 BY

CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
#1	--				100	2	0
#2	--				145	2	0
#3	--				100	2	0
#4	--				230	2	0
#5	--				125	2	0
#6	--				150	2	0
BY	C110	1	0	n/a	502	2,2+3	4
SX	E96	3	0	n/a	496	2,2+2+2	2
BA	D78	0	4	84	14	2,33	2
PR	D154	0	4	154			
WT	D84	0	10	84			

TRAINS AVAILABLE: 3,3+3+3+444,4+55,5+66,6+6+6+.

The Bank has 8,480M.

TILE AVAILABILITY: #1(0), #2(1), #3(2), #4(0), #5(2), #6(0), #7(7), #8(5), #9(2), #55(1), #56(1), #57(0), #58(0), #69(1), #201(0), #202(0). All green tiles are in short supply.

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CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	B142	0	0	n/a	\$ 380	2223	1
NYNH&H	E100	0	0	n/a	\$ 240	2223	0,C&SL
NYC	A100	0	0	n/a	\$1000	---	4
B&M	B90	0	2	\$90	\$ 900	---	2
C&O	C82	0	4	\$82	\$ 820	---	3
CP	E71a	0	1	\$71	\$ 710	---	4
PA	E71b	1	1	n/a	\$ 260	3	3, C&A

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MAGIC REALM

WOOLLY STRIKES OUT!

MOONDOGGIE MEETS LANCERS!



The Cast

John Eoutta: "Moondoggie" the Sorcerer (Bushytail, Misty)
 Scott Cameron: "Wolf Ironhelm" the Berserker
 Don Chinnery: "Scitch" the Witch King (Ribbit! Silky)
 Dan Farrow: "Woolly" the optional Wizard
 Richard Price: "Sir Jordan" the White Knight
 Jack Shacklett: "Fang Gulfwolf" the Berserker
 Michael Tsuk: "Capt Avalon" the optional Captain

COMMENT: I've ruled that Capt A gets to keep the horses for these reasons: 1) while the spirit of the rules would seem to differ, there is no rule against the transfer, 2) Capt A could've easily made the transfer earlier, 3) he needs the extra movement phase the horse gave him to get where he is when he got there, and 4) we're playing for fun, not for blood. You may still appeal if you can cite a compelling rule or rules.

EVENTS 3

Woolly lures Spider as Scitch watches. Woolly swings axe M5 and dodges M4*. The spider smashes L4 and ducks 3. No result. Woolly again swings M5 and dodges M4*; the spider thrusts L4 and charges 3. Missed again and combat ceases in the clearing.

Monster Roll = 3

DAY 3

Monster Roll = 4

Sir Jordan @ C15 WIR4: H(4,2 = yes), S(Loot 3,1 = _____), S(4,3 = no), S(6,3 = no), R, reveals BONES M, STATUE 2; T. Giant appears at C15.
 Woolly @ Cr3: S(Loc 4,2 =), blocked by H Spider. Reveal STINK M, ALTAR 1, LOST CASTLE 1, PATTERN 2, LAIR 3, CAIRNS 5, ROAR 6; T Giant appears at Cr3 blocking Scitch.
 Capt Avalon @ G. House: T(6,5 = nd), T(5,1 = id), T(6,1 = nd), R(FIGHT H5*), R(FIGHT H5*)
 Fang & R7 @ MW4: H(6,6 = n), H(3,2 = y), H, MMW2; reveal DAMP W
 Scitch @ Cr3: blocked by H. Spider & T. Giant;
 Wolf WIR6 @ Inn: S(Lt 4,2 = H7/H5* horse), S(Lt 6,5 = _____), S(Lt 3,1 = M6/M5* horse), S(Lt 3,1 = helmet), R(MOVE H4*), fatiguing FIGHT T6*)
 Moondoggie @ LW5=LCF & Bashkars: R(MAGIC IV6*), R(MAGIC IV4*), SPX, SP(enchant MAGIC IV6*), SP(enchant MAGIC IV4*), Lancers arrive!

COMBAT: Sir Jordan may break concealment and attack the Giant, or have Robin attempt to ambush it in C15. Woolly vs Scitch vs H. Spider and T. Giant in Cr3.

STUFF OF NOTE: A T. Demon at Cr1, a sirpack of axe-goblins at BL2, a sirpack of spear-goblins at BL5, a pile of abandoned stuff at BV5. The Vault is open and still has two treasures therein. Borderland is enchanted.

PRESS:

Some righteous Bashkars for the Moondoggie to share a campfire and some holiday ale in these fine Linden Woods.

Fang and Ralph (help!! Lost in woods and the cookie crumbs are all gone!)



KREMLIN SATIN PURGED! BORIS DEAD!



THE CAST

Dan Farrow: Committee of Modern Marxists into Expanding Socialism (COMMIES) <2 Waves>
Mark Luedi: Old Red Farts (ORF)
Mark Frueh: Marginal Mechanics Faction (MMF) <1 Wave>
Paul Saunders: Party of Cartographic Socialists (PCS)

TRIAUTUAL INTERPHASE 01

ORF draws two cards, bringing hand temporarily to four, discarding #12.
MMP adds 1 IP to C, draws a card, bringing hand to three.
PCS draws 2 cards, bringing hand temporarily to five. GM discards #1 & #7.
COMMIES draw two cards, bringing hand to three.

TURN 4

Party Chief: Badennuff (X), 66, ++: 7 IP (COMMIES*)
KGB Head: Patina (S), 58, ++
Foreign Minister: Zenjarplan (Q), 67(s), ++: 4 IP (COMMIES*), 3 IP (MMF)
Defense Minister: Satin (O), 62
Ideology Chief: Schrukutov (B), 75
Industry Minister: Goferbok (C), 74: 1 IP (MMF*)
Economy Minister: Niewitko (D), 73: 4 IP (PCS*)
Sports Minister: Krakembeds (E), 79(w), +, ?; 2 IP (MMF*)
Candidates: F,G,K,M<? 64, 2 IP (PCS*)>, U
People: J,L,P(62),R,T,Y,W,Z
Siberia: I(74), N(67), Y(53)
The Kremlin Wall: A,H

CURE PHASE: MMP declares 2 IP on "B". Everyone stays at work. Badennuff ages 3 SP to 69, Patina ages 2 SP to 60, Zenjarplan ages 1 SP to 68, and Krakembeds ages 3 SP to 82.

PURGE PHASE: COMMIES declare 3 IP on Patina (S). ORF plays card #15, forcing the first purge to be the Defense Minister (O). Ludmilla purges "O" on 16+3, then fails to purge "B" on 4, aging 4 SP to 64.

SPY PHASE: no activity

HEALTH PHASE: Boris (X, 69++) hunts moose and squirrel with "2"-barreled shotgun. It explodes. Ludmilla (S, 64++) takes "1" more lower and dies of exhaustion. Tigran (Q, 67++) drinks "6" liters of bad vodka and dies of liver failure. Lech (B, 75) parries hardy with "20" Moskva State U coeds. Alexei (C, 74) eats "7" kilos of caviar and gets sick (+). Petr (D, 73) plays chess for "15" hours; feels great. Karei (E, 82+) ice skates for "8" hours and catches a chill (++).

Party Chief: <Vacant>
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The Kremlin Wall: A,H,Q,S,X



DUNE

FREMEN & GUILD ALLY,
CONTROL DUNE!!!!



ATREIDES: (Saunders), 1C, 8S, 1L, KH.
 FREMEN: (Morrison), 2C, 4S, 5L, 6T & * in Sietch Tabr, 4T in Habbanya Ridge Sietch, 2T in Habbanya Ridge Flat.
 GUILD: (R. Fisher), 2C, 7S, 5L, 9T in Tuck's Sietch
 HARKONNEN: (Egvedt), 8C, 8S, 7L, 8T in Carthag, 5T in Arrakeen.
 TANKS: A 12T, Dr Y(1), Duncan(2), F *, G 4T, H 5T

TURN 6

- STORM** moves from Sector 10 to Sector 14. Sietch Tabr is under storm.
 - Shai-Hulud appears at Habbanya Ridge Flat. New spice blows are Sihaya Ridge (6) and Wind Pass North (6). SPICE remains at Ceilago North(4), Hagga Basin(6) and Minor Erg(8). Alliances were not formed. Fremmen have 2T that take a Worm ride to the Ceilago North spice blow
 - BIDDING:** Three cards were available.
 F bids 2S, G bids 2S; _____ sold to G for 2S
 F bids 2S, G bids 1S; _____ sold to F for 2S.
 F bids 2S, G bids 1S; _____ sold to F for 2S.
 - REVIVAL:** A gets 3T free; F gets 1* free; G gets 1T free; H gets 2T free.
 - SHIPMENT:** G, shipping first, ships 4T to Minor Erg (-4S). F bring on 1* & 3T in Habbanya Erg; H ships 2T to Arrakeen (2S to G)
 - MOVEMENT:** F move 1* & 3T from Habbanya Erg to Habbanya Ridge Sietch; H move 2T from Carthag to Hagga Basin.
 - COMBAT:** None. Fremmen & Guild clinch victory.
 - SPICE COLLECTION:** H collects 2S for Arrakeen, 2S for Carthag and 6S from Hagga Basin. G collects 1S for Tuck's Sietch & 8S for Minor Erg, and F get 4S for Ceilago North.
- Due next time are any post game commentary you might wish to make. Let's do this again with 6 or 7!

ATREIDES: (Saunders), 1C, 8S, 1L, KH.
 FREMEN: (Morrison), 4C, 4S, 5L, 6T & 1* in Sietch Tabr, 6T & 1* in Habbanya Ridge Sietch, 2T in Ceilago North.
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 HARKONNEN: (Egvedt), 8C, 8S, 7L, 8T in Carthag, 5T in Arrakeen, 2T in Hagga Basin.
 TANKS: A 10T, Dr Y(1), Duncan(2), G 3T; H 2T

Legend: A = Atreides, C = treachery cards, F = Fremmen, G = Guild, H = Harkonnen, L = leaders, S = spice, T = tokens, * = Pedaykin, KH = Kwisatz Hadetach

--GREED IS GOOD--continued from p 67

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PHASE:



THE HUNT

WAYNE SURGES!



Inspired by Lipton's book, "An Exaltation of Larks", this is a word game where we propose a noun and the players are asked to propose a collective noun to fit, such as "flock" for "sheep", or "pride" for lions. Boris and Ms Nar will rank each entry for each word and the best score will be the winner, regardless of Mr. Lipton's proclamations. Each word gives a possible 1 point, but the point may be split if either more than one player suggests it or two or more words are ranked equally. The first player to score 10 points wins six free issues of this rag. The Hunt is run in "Chases" or rounds. This is the second Chase. To the Hunt!

CHASE 2:

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 1. gifts | bribe, embarrassment, greek, plethora(*), sleighful(B), tree, windfall |
| 2. bracelets | bangle, brace, dangle(B), jangle(*), tree, ulna, wrist |
| 3. pillows | bed(2*), bedful, billow, stack(B), trampoline, tree |
| 4. forests | aper, continent(B), fathoms, lot(*), tree(Z), wild wood |
| 5. coffee | aroma(*), bladderful, coffers, mainline, tree, urn, vileness(B) |
| 6. starships | constellation(*), galaxy, orbit, shifload, shower, squadron(B), tree |
| 7. soldiers | grunt, rank(Z), squad(B), tree, troop(2*) |
| 8. reindeer | flight(*), god's lap, herd(+/B), sleigh, thunder, tree |
| 9. bouquets | beaucoup, bounty, bucket, extravagancy(B), flower, garland(*), tree |
| 10. paper | avalanche(B), bureaucracy, forest, piles, pulp, team(*), tree |

LEGEND: B = Boris's suggestion, L = Lipton's suggestion, N = Ms Nar's suggestion, * = winner, † = duplicate suggestions, + = tie for first, i = BILIN suggested it too

Score this time: Wayne Morrison 4.5, Scott Cameron 2.5, Dan Farrow 2, Ron Fisher 1, Mark Luedi 0, Jason Fisher 0

Total score: Scott Cameron & Wayne Morrison 4.5, Jason Fisher, Dick Martin & Dan Farrow 3, Ron Fisher 1, Mark Luedi 0.

CHASE 3:

- | | | | | |
|----------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. Cardassians | 2. Vulcans | 3. Romulans | 4. cowboys | 5. engineers |
| 6. ghosts | 7. socks | 8. bears | 9. bricks | 10. sharks |

PRESS:

I had a bit of trouble with variety in this hunt...I'll try harder next time...promise. :)

Lipton's "Exaltation of Larks" is available now from the Barnes and Noble catalog (1-800-242-6657 the last I called, although the catalog cites 1-201-767-7079) for \$9.95 + \$2.50 shipping. It is Catalog #1856947. Hardback, B&W illustrations, 324 pp.

--BORIS V--(continued from p3)

spent the majority of his adult life in a lunatic asylum near Baltimore. In his only official statement, the emperor urged the women of France to knit wool socks for his armies' coming march on Moscow.

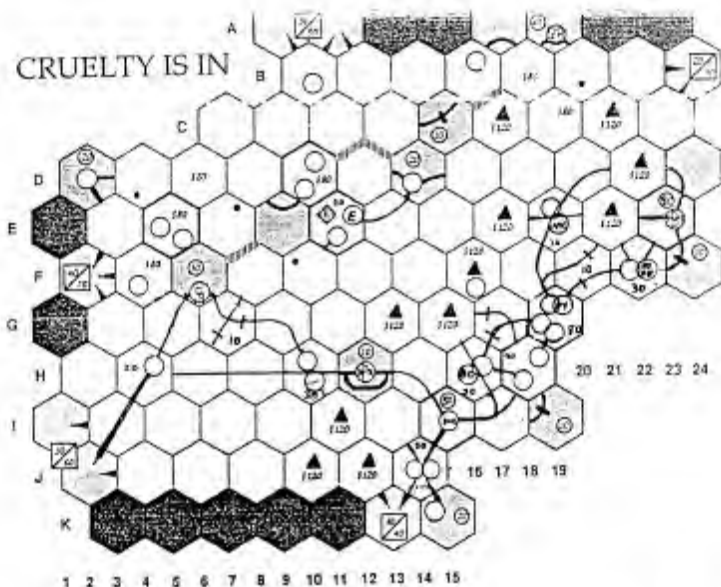
VIENNA--Newly appointed Foreign Minister, R. Fisher, returned to Vienna after the holidays and deplored the disappearance of the VIE unit of the Home Guard. "They just formed last winter, took spring training, played a minor support role in the expeditionary force leaving SER for the coast, and decided to disband for the holidays. This will be the last army formation where the leaders are political appointees."

Fisher also discounted any problems resulting in reports of Russian occupation of SER, "The Serbs get along pretty well with the Russians, as long as it's not the Turks returning I don't see any problems."

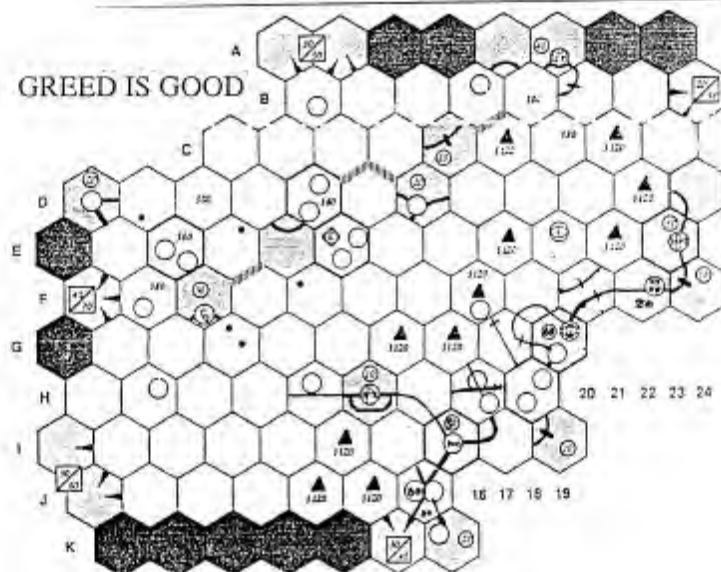
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"Hey Rocky, watch me pull a rabbit out of a hat!"

Again? Sure, why not? Remember, this will be your last chance to see *Zine Register* the way it was meant to be... Totally Turbo! ☺

Change is good. Along with a new three-column format, we've added scanned pictures of almost every zine in the hobby, so you can "see before you buy." This makes issue #21 more of a "catalog of zines" than a dry and dusty "dictionary of zines." You can browse through it, drool over your favorite zine(s), or use the descriptions of those you don't care for as toilet paper (hey, that's what they used to do with the Sears & Roebuck catalog, too)! Freedom of choice, as always...

Some things haven't changed, however, as we have numerous "guest reviews" contributed by "the Usual Gang of Idiots," the very latest info on gamersians, eulogies to recently departed zines (i.e., folds), "sidebars" on many different aspects of the postal games hobby, and more listings of foreign zines than any *Zine Register*.

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1830: Alternates Frueh & Tsuk. Need 6 for normal.

1935: Chinnery & Zieske signed up; Chinnery and Farrow signed up for variant. Alternates Frueh & Tsuk.

DIPLOMACY: Alternates Ford, Franz, Frueh, Morrison, Tsuk, Wilson.

GUNSLINGER: Cameron, Farrow, and McHugh signed up. Need 1-4 more.

MAGIC REALM: Continuous openings.

STELLAR CONQUEST: A few slots available for (a) blind game(s).

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